

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
FLAMING GORGE RANGER DISTRICT  
AND SUPERVISORS OFFICE  
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST



The Ashley National Forest is will soon be advertising for two Customer Service Representative positions. If you enjoy being busy and working with people from all walks of life, then this may be the position for you! The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

**POSITION:** Visitor Services Information Receptionist GS-0303-05  
**LOCATIONS:** Ashley National Forest, Flaming Gorge District, in Wyoming and Utah and Supervisors Office, in Vernal, Utah.  
**DUTY STATION:** Vernal, Utah and Manila, Utah  
**DEADLINE:** April 14, 2014

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The incumbent of this position serves as a front-line representative for one of the two offices: the Supervisors office, located in Vernal, Utah and the Flaming Gorge Ranger District and National Recreation Area, located in Manila, Utah. We are seeking a confident, innovative self starter who will work at the administrative headquarters providing information to visitors on recreational opportunities, directions and routes of travel, distributing brochures and other printed material; etc. receives and directs callers and visitors.

Provides information about the organization, its functions, activities, and personnel. Arranges displays of informational materials in the reception area. Orders and maintains publications for public distribution. Answers queries and disseminates information to the public on the transactions processed or mission oriented business of an agency program. These positions perform daily activities to support the operation of information centers, including sales, inventory, and equipment maintenance. Performs checkout, sales clerk, customer assistance, or other clerical duties involved in the retail sale of merchandise or stock items.

Performs office automation work requiring the use of software applications and computer equipment. Collects and analyses current recreational data then updates printed documents for distribution to visitors. Performs duties related to the sale, application and administration of forest product permits. Opens and closes office for daily operations. Other duties may include traffic control, radio dispatching, and office administration.

Position information will be available on USA jobs, <http://www.USAJobs.gov>

For further information, applicants are encouraged to call or email Rowdy Muir, Flaming Gorge Ranger District at (435) 781-5258, [rmuir@fs.fed.us](mailto:rmuir@fs.fed.us) or Karen Kieborz, Supervisors Office at (435) 781-5136, [kkieborz@fs.fed.us](mailto:kkieborz@fs.fed.us)

### **The Region:**

The Intermountain Region (R4), with offices located in Ogden, Utah provides administrative oversight and support to thirteen National Forests in Utah, Nevada, western Wyoming, and southern and central Idaho and covers 31,816,792 acres in the National Forest System. There are approximately 2200 permanent employees in Region 4.

### **The Forest:**

Ashley National Forest – <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>.

The Ashley National Forest encompasses almost a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to over 13,500 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands, all contain a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinion and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of lodgepole pine, fir and spruce. Grasses, forbs, and stunted, twisted conifers called krumholtz are found above timberline. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.

The Ashley has three major recreation attractions of national significance:

The High Uintas Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises nearly one-half million acres in the Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes. The mountains below timberline are covered by coniferous forest, and meadows have streams and lush vegetation. The Wilderness is accessible from July through September, via numerous trails.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir is 91 miles long, and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex. Rafting this section of the Green River is a favorite pastime of visitors.

Flaming Gorge Dam and Red Canyon Visitor Centers have exhibits to acquaint visitors with the area. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round.

Sheep Creek Geological Area is located about 5 miles south of Manila, in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Sheep Creek Canyon is filled with twisted and folded rock formations that expose 600 million years of the earth's history. Towering rock spires flank the road.

**The District:** [http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/recreation/flaming\\_gorge/index](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/recreation/flaming_gorge/index)  
**About Manila Utah:** <http://www.city-data.com/city/Manila-Utah.html>

**Location:** Daggett County has two towns, Manila and Dutch John, each with a year-round population of about 200. On busy summer holiday weekends the population can swell to several thousand. Manila is a popular summer home area and is becoming increasingly popular as a summer retirement destination. Essential services are available; such as, groceries, fuel, lodging dining, ambulance, preventive healthcare, and law enforcement. A wider variety of services are available within 50 miles.

**Daggett County:** <http://www.daggettcountry.org>. Daggett County is a very scenic county, from the red rock cliffs of Sheep Creek bay to the splendor of the Uinta Mountains. Cutting through the eastern Uinta Mountains is the Green River. In the late 1950's and early 1960's the United States Government constructed the Flaming Gorge Dam, which created a lake 91 miles long with varying widths.

**Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area**, including the section of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam, is administered by the Ashley National Forest. This rugged wild land stretches from Wyoming high deserts, where herds of antelope play along the lake shore, to the forested slopes of Utah's Uinta Mountains. A diverse land of scenic beauty, Flaming Gorge lends itself to many memorable outdoor adventures.

**Services:** Accommodations, Camping, Restaurants and Snack Bars, Groceries, Gifts and Souvenirs, Fishing tackle and Licenses, Horseback Riding, Mountain Bike Rentals, Raft Rental, Scenic Float and Boat Trips, Fishing Guides, Boat Rentals, Marinas, Auto/Boat Fuel Services, and Great Hiking Trails are just some of the many services available in Dutch John.

**About Daggett School District and Daggett County:**

Daggett School District is located in Daggett County Utah, nestled against southern Wyoming and western Colorado. About 80% of the land is administered by the US Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management. Daggett County has the smallest population (<900) in Utah, and our district, with approximately 150 students, is likewise the smallest in the state. Like other rural Utah counties, we are experiencing a declining population. Nevertheless, Daggett County is a wonderful place to raise a family. Our three schools include Manila Elementary, Flaming Gorge Elementary and Manila Jr.-Sr. High School. Our schools also serve students from McKinnon and Washam Wyoming, areas which lie just north of the state line.

**HEALTH CARE:** A doctor (fulltime) and dentist (intermittent) are in Manila to see patients. Dentists, doctors and medical centers, are available in Rock Springs, Green River, and Vernal. Hospitals are located in Rock Springs and Vernal. Manila and Dutch John are served by volunteer EMT's, ambulance, and emergency 911. A volunteer fire department serves the area and law enforcement is handled through the Daggett County Sheriff's Department.

**CULTURAL EVENTS:** Presentations are organized by local groups, such as high school and drama clubs. The 4th of July features fireworks celebration in Dutch John and the annual Daggett Daze celebration fills the Labor Day weekend with a variety of activities.

**CHURCHES:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is available in Manila and Dutch John, along with a Baptist church in Manila. Many other denominations are available in Rock Springs, Green River and Vernal.

**RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:** Boating and fishing are major recreational activities available in the area. In addition to world-class lake trout (mackinaw), Flaming Gorge Reservoir provides excellent fishing for rainbow and cutthroat trout, kokanee salmon, small-mouth bass, and catfish. The Green River below the Dam is recognized as one of the finest trout streams in the world. Hiking and rafting are also popular on the river. The north slope of the Uinta Mountains provides numerous trout streams and lakes for those who like a more remote experience.

There are three marinas on the Reservoir and two lodges in the high country providing a variety of services. Community sports such as basketball, baseball, and volleyball are popular in the county.

Wildlife species in the area include elk, bighorn sheep, deer, antelope, bear, mountain lion, moose, three species of grouse, chukar, osprey, both bald and golden eagle, and river otter.

Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, as well as mountain biking and hiking are enjoyed in the Flaming Gorge area.

**CLIMATE:** Elevation - 6300 Ft.

Length of growing season - 90 to 100 days (Approx. June 1 - Aug. 30)

Average summer temperature - 80 to 85 degrees

Average winter temperature - 20 degrees

How hot can it get - few days above 90 degrees (usually July/ August)

How cold can it get – minus 20 degrees (rare) (usually Dec./Jan.)

Annual precipitation - 8 to 10 inches

Does the wind blow a lot - yes (usually from passing cold fronts)

Humid or dry - dry

**ECONOMIC BASE:** Agriculture, including farming, cattle, and sheep, is the economic base. A new jail to house state prisoners was recently constructed and will provide some job opportunities. Many residents travel distances of 60 to 80 miles daily to the trona mines located near Green River and Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Businesses in Manila include a grocery store, one deli-convenience market, two service stations, two restaurants, three motels, and a KOA park.

Dutch John has two gas station / fast food / convenience stores, and there are two lodges with restaurants located approximately 6 miles away in the Greendale area of Utah.

**HOUSING:** Government housing may be available in Manila. There are few homes for sale in Manila and Dutch John. For current realty information contact local real estate agencies.

### **ABOUT VERNAL, UTAH**

Nestled in a beautiful valley south of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and west of Dinosaur National Monument, Vernal is the county seat of Uintah County. Vernal City's population is about 9,000. When combined with the residents of surrounding communities, the population of the Ashley Valley is approximately 15,000. Vernal has its own Police Department and Uintah County has a fully staffed Sheriff's Department. The city also has a 25 person volunteer fire department. Wells Fargo Bank, Mountain America Credit Union, and Zions First National Bank have

branches in Vernal.

Vernal is 180 miles east of Salt Lake City and 300 miles west of Denver. Great Lakes Airlines provides air transportation to and from Denver via the Vernal Municipal Airport. Daily bus service is provided by Greyhound and Trailways Bus Lines to Salt Lake City and Denver.

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Vernal-Utah.html>

<http://www.epodunk.com/cgi-bin/genInfo.php?locIndex=26040>

<http://www.utahrealestate.com/>

### ***Schools***

Vernal has six elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high, two high schools, and a private Christian School. One high school is a special-purpose accredited high school for students 14 years and above who wish to pursue a quality education in a non-traditional model.

The Uintah District Learning Center provides special education opportunities for children with special needs.

Utah State University, with branch campuses in Vernal and neighboring Roosevelt offer 13 complete bachelor degree programs and seven complete master degree programs. Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center offers Certificates of Competency for technical entry-level work.

### ***Health Care***

Ashley Valley Medical Center, a 36-bed hospital with 11 physicians on staff provides a full complement of auxiliary services, complete with a 24 hour, fully staffed emergency room. Physicians from Salt Lake City also provide specialized, part-time services. Major hospitals are located in Salt Lake City and Provo.

For extended medical care, the Uintah Care Center is a 50-bed nursing home with additional facilities to provide out-patient care on a daily basis. Child day care centers and preschools are available in Vernal. The community also has several dentists, two podiatrists, a pediatrician, two optometrists, an obstetrician/gynecologist, and five chiropractors. A variety of mental health professionals have practices in the community. Two veterinary clinics provide care for both large and small animals.

### ***Churches***

Vernal offers a relatively diverse range of churches, including: Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Congregational, Episcopal, Jehovah Witness, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nazarene, Pentecostal, and Lutheran.

### ***Cultural Events***

Several cultural events occur throughout the year, including the Outlaw Trail Festival, Uintah County Fair, Festival of the Arts, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Dinosaur Days, Dino-Soar Hot Air Balloon Festival, and the annual Christmas fair. The Uintah Arts Council sponsors several musical events, and Utah State University and Uintah High School produce a play each year.

### ***Civic and Service Organizations***

Active community and service clubs in Vernal include the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, Toastmasters, Rotary, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Masonic Lodge, Search and Rescue, Cultural Arts and American Legion, to name a few. Vernal has several dance schools instructing ballet, jazz, clogging, and tap. Gymnastic classes for children are available. Vernal has a large, well-stocked public library. The Utah Field House of Natural History is located adjacent to the popular Dinosaur

Gardens in downtown. The Golden Age Senior Center provides activities, luncheons, transportation and dances for area senior citizens.

### ***Recreation Opportunities***

Vernal has parks, a recreation center with swimming pool, water slides, rock wall and gym, movie theaters, and an 18-hole golf course.

Several nearby rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and boating opportunities. River trips on the Green River are also available through local guides. Rafts can be rented from local vendors.

Basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball leagues are available for adults. Little League football, baseball, basketball, soccer, ice hockey, wrestling, and a swim team for children are locally sponsored activities.

### ***Climate***

Vernal sits at approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Vernal enjoys four beautiful, temperate seasons; the climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Annual precipitation averages 15-20", mostly in the form of winter snows and spring/fall rains. Winter temperatures usually hover in the 20s-30s during the day, but will occasionally drop to sub-zero. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100 degrees, but will generally linger in the low-mid 90s, dipping into the 50s at night.

### ***Economic Base***

Oil and gas exploration and production, along with oil shale, tar sands, gilsonite, phosphate, and timber are the major commodities of the local economy.

Tourism is a growing industry. Wal-Mart Supercenter and Kmart are major department stores in the area and provide employment for local residents. Several government offices located in Vernal include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Farmers Home Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs and many state, county, and city offices.

### ***Housing***

The average apartment rental is around \$750.00 to \$900.00 a month. Rental homes are not readily available. Average purchase price for a basic three-bedroom home ranges from \$185,000 to \$290,000. Government housing is not available.

**Application Process:** Those individuals who respond either by email, US postal mail or Fax will be contacted when the vacancy announcement is available in [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

Individuals who are interested in apply for this position is encouraged to apply through [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) as well. An account, profile, and resume may be completed prior to the vacancy announcement.

**Interested parties will be notified of the vacancy announcement number to apply.**